

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 NEW DE 10040 251414Z

64

ACTION AID-59

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 EB-07 IGA-01 IO-10 FDRE-00 AGR-10

CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-02 USIA-15 PRS-01

SP-02 OES-05 DHA-02 ACDA-10 PC-05 /147 W

----- 068145

R 251205Z JUL 75

FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 193

UNCLAS NEW DELHI 10040

PASS AGRICULTURE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, IN

SUBJECT: PROGRESS OF SOUTHWEST MONSOON

REF: NEW DELHI 9441 AND 9883

1. THE LATEST RAINFALL MAP RECEIVED FROM THE INDIAN METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE INDICATES THAT DURING THE WEEK ENDING WEDNESDAY JULY 23, MONSOON ACTIVITY WAS VIROROUS IN MOST PARTS OF INDIA EXCLUDING ORISSA, GUJARAT, MAHARASHTRA, NORTHWEST ANDHRA PRADESH AND KERALA WHERE PRECIPITATION WAS 37 PERCENT TO 70 PERCENT BELOW NORMAL.

2. CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH 23, 1975 WAS NORMAL OR ABOVE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY EXCEPT FOR ASSAM, ARUNACHAL PRADESH AND ORISSA WHERE IT WAS marginally DIFICIENT. OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF THE MONSOON SO FAR HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER THAN IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1974. AREAS ACCOUNTING FOR APPROXIMATELY 89 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL KHARIF CEREAL GRAIN PRODUCTION (USING AS A BASE THE DISTRIBUTION OF KHARIF CEREAL PRODUCTION DURING 1970-71) HAVE RECEIVED NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL DURING JUNE 1 - JULY 23. DURING THE COMPARABLE PERIOD IN 1974. AREAS RECEIVED NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY 34 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL KHARIF CEREAL GRAIN PRODUCTION.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 NEW DE 10040 251414Z

3. FLOODING IS A RECURRING PHENOMENON IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY DURING THE MONSOON. THIS YEAR IS NO EXCEPTION. ASSAM, BIHAR, WEST BENGAL, RAJASTHAN, PUNJAB AND UTTAR PRADESH HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING MEDIUM TO HEAVY RIVERINE FLOODS CAUSED BY HEAVY AND INCESSANT DOWNPOURS DURING THE LAST WEEK TO TEN DAYS. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE SUBSTANTIAL LOCAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, SOME LOSS OF LIFE AND INUNDATION OF CROPS IN SOME AREAS. URBAN SECTORS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN MORE ADVERSELY AFFECTED THAN RURAL.

4. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BIHAND DAM IN UTTAR PRADESH, MOST OF THE RESERVOIRS SERVING HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECTS IN THE COUNTRY HAVE REACHED SATISFACTORY LEVELS. THIS SHOULD ASSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE AS NEEDED DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE KHARIF CROP SEASON IN MOST AREAS OF THE COUNTRY. THE STATE GOVERNMENTS OF MADHYA PRADESH, MAHARASHTRA AND TAMIL NADU HAVE ANNOUNCED A FURTHER RELAXATION ON USE OF ELECTRIC POWER.

5. IN CONVERSATION WITH THE AGATTACHE A SENIOR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIAL SAID THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MONSOON THUS FAR IN TERMS OF THE BENEFIT TO AGRICULTURE WAS THE BEST IN FOUR YEARS. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT EXTENT OF CROP LOSSES FROM FLOODING HE COMMENTED THAT AFFECTED AREAS TRADITIONALLY EXPERIENCE FLOODING AND THAT THE INUNDATED CROP LAND REPRESENTS ONLY SMALL FRACTION OF ACREAGE UNDER KHARIF CROP. HE FURTHER EXPRESSED VIEW THAT FIELD DRAINAGE IS PROGRESSING AT SATISFACTORY PACE. WHERE PADDY HAS BEEN WASHED OUT, SUCH FIELDS CAN BE RE-PLANTED WITH RICE UNTIL END OF JULY OR WITH OTHER FOOD GRAIN CROPS WELL INTO AUGUST.

COMMENT- WITH FAVORABLE MOISTURE CONDITIONS, THE ACREAGE IN PADDY IS LIKELY TO BE EXPANDED RELATIVE TO LAST YEAR. FURTHERMORE, FERTILIZER OFFTAKE BY FARMERS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE.

WHILE KHARIF CROP PROSPECTS ARE CURRENTLY ENHANCED BY THE GENEROUS RAINS THUS FAR, TIMELY PRECIPITATION IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER IS NEEDED TO INSURE A GOOD HARVEST. SAXBE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: STORMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975NEWDE10040
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750257-0847
From: NEW DELHI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750721/aaaaatbt.tel
Line Count: 97
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AID
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 NEW DELHI 9441, 75 NEW DELHI 9883
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 JAN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <08 JAN 2003 by ThomasVJ>; APPROVED <15 MAR 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROGRESS OF SOUTHWEST MONSOON
TAGS: EAGR, IN
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006